

RHODE ISLAND

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECONDARY TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The Secondary Teaching Certificate is valid for teaching a special content area in grades seven through twelve in a junior/senior high school.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years (SEE NOTE ONE) until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in secondary education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations
- Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of secondary education school teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching (SEE NOTE TWO) in the secondary grades and not less than eighteen (18) semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Adolescent Psychology, Secondary Methods, Measurements and Evaluation, Identification of and Service to Special Needs Students, Teaching of Reading in the Content Area, and Foundations of Education.
- Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test, 7-12 prior to being certified.

- **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:¹**

	SEMESTER HOURS
1. Agriculture.....	36
2. Business Education	
Secretarial Business.....	36
Social Business.....	36

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3. English.....30

4. History.....30*

*May include up to six (6) semester hours of

Social Studies course work in areas defined
in the Social Studies certificate (see #8).

5. Language

A classical language.....	30*
A foreign language.....	30*

*Certified classical or foreign language teachers, having earned initial certification with 30 credits, are entitled to additional language certification with 24 semester hours of language credit.

*A statement showing competency in the classical or foreign language in which an applicant wishes to be certified may be presented to waive certain portions of the academic requirements for provisional certification in the classical or foreign language. This statement, attesting to proficiency in the areas of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and a knowledge of the civilization and culture, must be submitted by a qualified official at the preparing institution or an authorized agent of the Board of Regents for Education. The decision to waive a portion of the academic requirements in the classical or foreign language will be made by the Department of Education.

6. Mathematics..... 30
7. Science..... 30*
 - a. General Science..... 30
(Must include at least 6 semester hours each in Biology, Physics, and Chemistry or as otherwise prescribed by law).
 - b. Biology..... 30
 - c. Chemistry..... 30
 - d. Physics..... 30

*Certified science teachers, having earned initial certification with 30 credits, are entitled to additional science certification with 24 semester hours in an area of science.

8. Social Studies..... 36*

*The issuance of a social studies certificate requires 24 semester hours in history as required for a history certificate. The social studies certificate is valid for the teaching of history and will be endorsed to teach any academic area in which an individual has completed six semester hours. Academic areas include anthropology, economics, geography, political science, and sociology.

9. Academic Areas not listed above..... 18*

*A teaching certificate will be issued in any academic area not listed above provided the candidate has met all requirements listed under parts A and C of Section I and has 18 semester hours of credit in the academic area for which certification is sought.

II. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE: valid for five (5) years.

- The professional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a five (5) year professional certificate. When applying for a five (5) year professional certificate the applicant

must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE. Upon securing regular employment, the educator must write and get approved a five (5) year Individual Professional Development Plan (I-Plan).

- The professional certificate may be renewed every five (5) years upon the successful completion of an (I-Plan) that has been approved by the I-Plan Review Panel. Individuals who have not served as a secondary education teacher in Rhode Island for the five (5) year period are entitled to an extension to the professional certificate (SEE NOTE THREE) at the end of each five (5) year period without the completion of an I-Plan.

NOTE ONE (1): Individuals who do not renew their CEE or Professional Certificate within six (6) months from the date of expiration may be required to complete additional requirements under new regulations to re-instate the expired certificate.

NOTE TWO (2): The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved secondary setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Secondary certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the secondary level. After completing the necessary course work for the secondary certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a five (5) year professional certificate.

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NOTE THREE (3): The five (5) year professional certificate requires the successful completion of an I-Plan every five years for renewal for individuals who have been in regular employment for the five-year term of the certificate. To be entitled to an extension of the professional certificate without the completion of an I-Plan, educators must document their employment history during the previous five (5) years. Educators holding regular employment who serve for less than 135 days during any school year are entitled to a one (1) year extension of the professional certificate for each year of service less than 135 days to complete their I-Plan. Educators who leave regular employment during the term of the professional certificate are also entitled to an extension of the professional certificate for the number of years not engaged in regular employment. Educators who return to regular employment must modify, if appropriate, the I-Plan on record and complete the five (5) year I-Plan during the remaining term of the extended certificate.

¹ Individuals who desire to secure certification in secondary education by means of transcript evaluation will be required to submit evidence that they have completed appropriate academic course work (see Preamble for required course work in each academic area). The Certification Office will publish an updated list annually of academic content areas required for each secondary area of certification. This list of courses will take into consideration the desired distribution and appropriate level of academic course work which must be completed by individuals desiring to teach in the secondary grades.

PREAMBLE

ACADEMIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN SECONDARY SUBJECTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

AGRICULTURE

Within the 36 credits for Agriculture certification, the candidate must have course work in Plant Science, Animal Science, Related Mechanics and Related Economics.

SOCIAL BUSINESS

Within the 36 credits for Social Business certification, the candidate must have course work in Accounting, Marketing, Management, Business Law, Introduction to Computer Science, Word (Document) Processing, and two courses in Typewriting/Keyboarding.

SECRETARIAL BUSINESS

Within the 36 credits for Secretarial Business certification, the candidate must have course work in Accounting, Marketing, Management, Business Law, Introduction to Computer Science, Word (Document) Processing, Abbreviated Writing and Transcription, and two courses in Typewriting/Keyboarding.

ENGLISH

Within the 30 credits for English certification, the candidate must have course work in Composition, American Literature, and English Literature.

HISTORY

Within the 30 credits for History certification, the candidate must have course work in History of Western Civilization, United States History, European History, and a non-western history. Six semester hours may be included in the Social Studies areas (see Social Studies).

FOREIGN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Within the 30 credits for a Foreign Language certification, the candidate must have course work in Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Grammar and Conversation, Literature, Culture and Civilization.

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MATHEMATICS

Within the 30 credits for Mathematics certification, the candidate must have course work in the basic math areas of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Math course work in Number Theory, History of Math, Statistics, and two courses in calculus. Course work in basic math areas may not be required for individuals who have completed 30 semester hours in Math with a sequence of higher level course work.

GENERAL SCIENCE

Within the 30 credits for General Science certification, the candidate must have course work in: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics unless otherwise qualified by law.

BIOLOGY

Within the 30 credits for Biology certification, the candidate must have course work in Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Genetics, and Ecology.

CHEMISTRY

Within the 30 credits for Chemistry certification, the candidate must have course work in General Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry.

PHYSICS

Within the 30 credits for Physics certification, the candidate must have course work in General Physics and Modern Physics.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Within the 36 credits for Social Studies certification, the candidate must have 24 credits in History, as outlined previously under History. The Social Studies certificate may be endorsed to teach other areas of Social Studies by completing six (6) credits in any of the following content areas: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, and Sociology.

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